


Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
2001



Graduate School Commencement



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*Philadelphia College
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welcomes you
to the
Graduate School Commencement Ceremony
honoring
the Class of 2001*



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Master of Science in Health Sciences - Physician Assistant Studies
Master of Science in Clinical Health Psychology
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences
Certificate of Respecialization in Clinical Psychology*

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The Second Annual Graduate School Commencement Ceremony August 19, 2001

When osteopathic schools were forming throughout the country in the 1890s, two students at the Northern Institute of Osteopathy in Minneapolis, Mason W. Pressly and Oscar John Snyder, targeted Philadelphia as a future home for an osteopathic medical college. While the city of brotherly love had a rich history of medicine, it had but one “osteopathist” by the time Pressly and Snyder graduated in 1898 and 1899, respectively. The two DOs followed through with their vision, incorporating the Philadelphia College and Infirmary of Osteopathy on January 24, 1899. The first PCIO degree was awarded to a transfer student; the first PCIO “class,” comprised of two students, graduated in February 1900 from the fledgling college, then located at 21 South 12th Street.

The college prospered and moved through a number of sites in its first century, including 1715 North Broad Street, 832 Pine Street, 19th and Spring Garden, 48th and Spruce, and finally, the City Avenue campus. During this growth period, the medical curriculum expanded, osteopathic research was initiated, and clinic and hospital services grew rapidly as the medical school’s student body and faculty increased dramatically.

After nearly a century of training physicians, PCOM launched its first graduate degree program, the Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences, in 1993. The first five graduates in June 1995 marked the beginning of yet another period of growth for the college - the development of a graduate school. Six years later, more than 250 graduate students are enrolled in PCOM’s graduate degree programs.

These students pursue studies at the masters level in biomedical science, clinical health psychology and physician assistant studies. Doctoral-level study is offered in clinical psychology for professionals seeking the Psy.D., respecialization in clinical psychology, or a certificate of advanced graduate study. Through innovative distance learning methods and modern telecommunications technology, PCOM extends its psychology program to off-campus classes at East Stroudsburg University and the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg.

The faculty and administration are pleased that you are with us on this important day in our academic year, as we celebrate our graduate students, their research and their future in the academic and professional community.

Program

Prelude Music Renaissance and Baroque
Selections by The Cathedral-Basillica
Brass Quartet

Processional “March from Athalie”
(Felix Mendelssohn)

Faculty Marshals Arthur Freeman, Ed.D.
Kenneth R. Harbert, Ph.D.
Richard M. Kriebel, Ph.D.

Invocation Laura Molloy, PA-C

President’s Welcome Matthew Schure, Ph.D.

**Dean’s Remarks and
Introduction of Speaker** Kenneth J. Veit, D.O., M.B.A.

Address:
“Health Care in the Media Age”

Brian McDonough, M.D.
Medical Editor, KYW Radio and Fox TV

**Presentation of Candidates
for Degrees in Course** Kenneth J. Veit, D.O., M.B.A.
Robert G. Cuzzolino, Ed.D.

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Conferring of the Degrees Dr. Schure
Dr. Freeman
Dr. Gosch
Dr. Harbert
Dr. Kriebel

Closing Prayer Rabbi Hillel Weiner

Fanfare and Recessional “Trumpet Tunes” (Henry Purcell)

Commencement Speaker

Brian McDonough, M.D.

Brian McDonough, M.D., has an extensive background in medicine and broadcasting. His ability to translate health information for a lay audience has attracted a national audience. He is a regular lecturer in PCOM's public health course and has trained many PCOM medical graduates through his residency program in family medicine at St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware.

Dr. McDonough's syndicated medical reports and health talk show can be heard on more than 500 radio stations in all 50 states. He can be seen three times each week on FOX television and has served as medical editor for Health Ink & Vitality Communications for more than a decade. He has written three books and has received three Emmy Awards for his work in the media.

Dr. McDonough is Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at Temple University School of Medicine, where he graduated in 1985. During the mid 90s, he served there as Vice Chairman of Family Medicine and Community Health.

He is the Associate Director of the St. Francis Hospital Family Practice Residency Program in Wilmington, where he maintains an active practice. Among his academic awards: the Sir William Osler Award for Teaching, the American Academy of Pediatrics Distinguished Service Citation and the Delaware Academy of Family Physicians Award of Achievement.

Degrees in Course

The Graduates and Their Research

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

William R. Korey

B.A. Temple University

M.S., J.D., L.L.M. University of Bridgeport

Multivariate Assessment of Propensity for Intimate Partner Abuse by Men

James Patrick Mahan

B.A. LaSalle University

M.A. LaSalle University

MAD-AS: Development and Validation of a Psychometric Test
for the Measurement of Anger

CERTIFICATE OF RESPECIALIZATION IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Cynthia A. Candelaria

B.S., M.A. George Peabody College

Ed.D. Vanderbilt University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

Tricia L. Ball

B.A. Rowan University

Deborah Olivia Gibbs

B.A. Temple University

M.S. Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Suzanne Marie Simmers

B.A. University of Scranton

Audrey Elaine Taormina

B.A. Richard Stockton College

Degrees in Course

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Kimberly Ann Baldwin

B.A. George Mason University
The Role of Chlamydia Pneumoniae Infected Keratinocytes
in Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma

Christopher Cavallaro

B.A. LaSalle University
Healing of Experimental Skin Ulcers in Guinea Pigs
Compromised with Vitamin C Deficiency

Heidi Danielle Dorfman

B.A. University of Pennsylvania
Nitric Oxide Inhibition in Neuronal Damage
Following Dynorphin-Induced Spinal Cord Injury

Karen Lynn Flotildes

B.A. Loyola Marymount University
Evaluation of the Effect of Osteopathic Manipulative
Techniques (OMT) on Headache Pain

Timothy J. Harrison

B.A. Ithaca College
Measurement of 2, 3-Diphosphoglycerate Levels
in Severely Compromised Dialysis Patients with Amputations

Joseph Alexis Ignacio

B.S. Juniata College
Purification and Characterization of the 58kDa
Serratia Marcescens Metalloprotease

KosunIQUE Jenkins

B.S. University of Maryland
IL-4 Inhibits IL-1 Induces Expression of Stromelysin-1 (MMP-3)
But Not Collagenase-1 (MMP-1) MRNA in Human Gingival Fibroblasts

Anita V. Ketty

B.S. Lehigh University
Association of Cognitive Dysfunction with Neurodegeneration
in the Brains of Aged Fischer/Norway Rats

Degrees in Course

Suzanne Kuttler

B.A. LaSalle University

Role of Cyclooxygenase Inhibitors in Neuronal Damage Following
Dynorphin-Induced Spinal Cord Injury

Emily Lawrence

B.S. Syracuse University

Is the Severity of Coronary Elastic Recoil Increased with the Use of the
Novoste Beta Cath System Device?

John Patrick McMahon

B.A. Duquesne University

Effect of Pre-Emptive Morphine on Perioperative Fentanyl
in Elective Total Knee Arthroplasty

Dolly Mishra

B.S. Ursinus College

The Relationship Between Plasma Ubiquitin Levels
and Loss of Body Cell Mass in Rheumatoid Arthritis

Stacey Parker

B.S. Drexel University

Effect of Bupivacaine Infusion of Post-Surgical Pain
Following Correction of Equinovarus Foot Deformity Using
the Split Anterior Tibialis Tendon Transfer Procedure

Thomas Justin Pirosko

B.S. Carnegie Mellon University

Effect of Pre-Emptive Morphine on Post-Surgical Pain Following
Total Knee Arthroplasty

Melissa Aries Platz

B.S. Hahnemann University

Plasma Glutamate/Glutamine as a Biomarker of Skeletal Muscle Catabolism
Among Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis

Donna Lynn Winter

B.S. Elizabethtown College

Efficacy and Safety of Dextromethorphan on Morphine Analgesia in Cancer Patients

Degrees in Course

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Desiree A. Antonacci

B.S. West Chester University

Varicella Vaccine: Current Opinions and Practices of Pediatricians

Tammy Jo Bucari

B.S. University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

Routine Subjective Global Assessment for Protein-Energy

Malnutrition Prevention in Elderly Patients

Marie Chen

B.S. University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

Regimens, Efficacy and Acceptability Concerning the Use of

Mifepristone and Misoprostol in Early Abortions

John Philip Conza

B.S. University of the State of New York

A Comparison of Educational Programs: Physician Assistants and

Nurse Practitioner Graduate Programs

Nadine Angela Ennis

B.S. Medgar Evers College

The Initiation of a Nutritional Protocol for Newly Diagnosed COPD Patients

Kevin John Gallen

B.S. Georgia Institute of Technology

M.S. The University of Mississippi

Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH)

Current Controversies in the Screening and Diagnosis of DDH

Keefe Giffin

B.S. University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

Diabetic Nephropathy: Natural History, Pathophysiology, Screening

and Management Techniques

Brian Philip Green

B.S. York College of Pennsylvania

The Effect of Seacure, a Protein Supplement on Lean Body Mass in HIV Infected Males

Treated with Anti-Retroviral Therapy for More than Six Months

Degrees in Course

Tiffany Ann Griffith

B.A. Rutgers University

M.S. Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Autism: Current Biological and Genetic Research Findings

Linda Elaine Grove

B.S. West Chester University

The Dietary Impact on the Risk of Developing Cardiovascular Disease

Bee Millicent Arleen Heeney

B.S. Ursinus College

Complications of Lasik Treatment for All Degrees of Myopia

Melissa Katherine Hoffman

B.S. Villanova University

The Role of Exercise in the Treatment of Diabetes Mellitus Type 2

Alexander Iskandar

B.S. Penn State University

Current Concepts and Treatment of Achilles Tendon Ruptures

Abrin "Abby" Jacobson

B.S. University of Pittsburgh

Hormonal Replacement Therapy and Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulators

Roxanne Matkiwsky

B.S. Rutgers University-Cook College

The Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease

Nicole Miller

B.A. LaSalle University

Celiac Disease: Identifying and Understanding its Clinical Manifestations in Order to Make a Prompt Diagnosis

Kristin Elizabeth Notz

B.A. Bucknell University

Diabetes Mellitus: The Importance of Tight Glycemic Control

Degrees in Course

Constantine Joseph Pappamihiel

B.S. The George Washington University
The Pathophysiology and Treatment of Musculoskeletal Inflammation

Betsy Philip

B.S. University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Breast Feeding: Healthy Benefits for Both Mother and Child

Joanne E. Richard

B.S. Grove City College
Pediatric HIV: Prevention of Vertical Transmission

Erin Frances Richards

B.S. Boston University
The Role of the Physician Assistant in the Diagnosis
and Management of Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease

Susan Wilson Rosen

B.S. East Stroudsburg University
Varicella Vaccine: Current Opinions and Practices of Pediatricians

Julie I. Street

B.S. Penn State University
The Role of Folic Acid in Health Education and Health Promotion

John D. Verna

B.S. Temple University
The Genotypic and Phenotypic Assays in HIV-1 Infection

Marie Hong Vu

B.S. Lockhaven University
The Complications of Pregnancy after a Vertical Gastropasty

Laura E. Wildman

B.S. West Chester University
The Pharmacotherapeutic Treatment of Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa

Kelly A. Zakszeski

B.S. University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Diabetic Retinopathy: Diagnosis, Analysis of Present
Management and Screening Strategies, Interpretation of Current Research,
and Advances in Treatment Options

Degrees in Course

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (awarded in recognition of doctoral degree candidacy)

Hannelore Barberi
Iris Baughman
Patricia Beldotti
T. Lynne Bennett
Claudia Blackburn
John Blue
Marian Bova
Flora Casallas
Janice Cunningham
David Day
Ellen Spandorfer Denenberg
Michael Dolan
Sherri Edelman
Sharon Elwell
Yvonne Foster
Christine Ganis
Anya Genierser-DeRosa
Dawn Gullette-Crosson
Robert Guillard
James Jackson
Michael Kinney
Virginia Koutsouros
Valerie Lemmon
Lisa Lenz
Leah Longan
Stephen Mack
Nancy Madden
Monica Malone
Donna Martin
Roya McCloskey

Degrees in Course

Rori Minissale
Paula Mittleman
Carole Moretz
Thomas Morey
Virginia Murphy-Reiley
Marilyn Mussomeli
Marni Nutkowitz
Dorothy Parke
Cheryl Patchin
Lynn Rosenthal
Carolyn Rutherford
Jesus Salas
Carol Schober
David Schmoyer
John Seasoc
Stacey Summers
Barbara Sulik
Judith Stern
Karen Tanner
Jordan Weisman
Beverly White
Karyne Wilmer
Joseph Wysocki
Carrie Yurica

Awards

The Sara Somers Rupert Senior Student Humanitarian Award

This award is presented at graduation to the senior Physician Assistant student who has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to those in need. The recipient exemplifies the philosophy of “health care service and compassion above self.”

John D. Verna

Sigma Xi Chapter Award

Sigma Xi is the national society that promotes and encourages scientific research. The annual PCOM Sigma Xi Chapter Award acknowledges the PCOM student who has demonstrated excellence in and contributed to basic and clinical research at the college.

Thomas Pirosko

The Cathedral-Basilica Brass Quartet

Musicians

Elin Frazier, Director and First Trumpet
Scott Burbak, Second Trumpet
Douglas Slick, First Trombone
Michael Galen, Second Trombone

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